

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time to July 13, 2008 to respond to the official action. The two-month extension fee is charged to the undersigned Attorney's Deposit Account 10-0100. Should additional fees or credits be associated with this paper, the additional fees or credits can be credited or charged to the undersigned Attorney's Deposit Account 10-0100.

Claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-29, 31-39, 41-50, and 53-55 are amended.

Claims 5, 20, 30, 40, and 56 are cancelled.

Claims 57-58 are added

The specification and drawings are amended.

A substitute courtesy clean copy of the specification and replacement drawings are enclosed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of the objections and rejections referred to at p.2, lines 3-5 of the February 13, 2008 official action.

Applicants have amended the drawings, claims and specification to overcome the objections and rejections of record and to clarify certain terminology.

No art rejections are maintained.

The gravamen of the present rejections under 35 USC § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> par. is the alleged scope of enablement as to the term "live microorganisms".

Applicants have accordingly amended the claims to define the "proteolytic cochlear structures obtained from outer membrane vesicles of live

microorganisms selected from the group consisting of bacterial, protozoan or animal cell organism and additionally contain one or more antigens." (e.g. claim 1 as amended).

Support for this amendment and further definition is found throughout the specification and examples. One skilled in the art is fully enabled to practice the invention as presently claimed.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-29, 31-39, 41-55 and 57-58 are in form for allowance.

An early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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